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C O N F I D E N T I A L LILONGWE 0414

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PDEV, RH, MI

SUBJECT: MALAWI GOVERNMENT DENIES HAVING APPROVED RHODESIAN
INTERNAL SETTLEMENT

REF: (A) LILONGWE 398; (B) USINFO 408

1. AS EXPECTED PER REFTEL A, GOM ISSUED CATEGORIC DENIAL
THAT IT HAD RECOGNIZED SALISBURY AGREEMENT, ADDING
THAT "IF REV. NDABANINGI SITHOLE SAID WHAT HE IS REPORTED
TO HAVE SAID THEN HE ENTIRELY MISUNDERSTOOD THE POSITION."
DENIAL WAS ISSUED IN DAILY TIMES OF MARCH 20 AND WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY LONG EDITORIAL (TEXT OF BOTH ARTICLE
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AND EDITORIAL REPORTED IN REF B) WHICH STATES THAT THE
FALSE REPORT WAS "ORCHESTRATED BY CERTAIN MISINFORMED
MASS MEDIA IN AFRICA AND OVERSEAS...WHAT MALAWI
WANTS TO SEE IS A CONSTITUTION, ACCEPTABLE TO ALL
THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA REGARDLESS OF THEIR COLOUR
OF THE SKIN AND ENDORSED BY THE COMMON MAN AT THE
BALLOT BOX BASED ON ADULT UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE."

EDITORIAL ALSO NOTES THAT IF SITHOLE-CHIRAU-MUZOREWA-SMITH GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER, THE WAR WILL EVEN BE SADDER BECAUSE NOW IT WILL MEAN "AFRICANS KILLING FELLOW AFRICANS."

2. COMMENT: WE FIND IT UNHELPFUL AND STRANGE THAT VOA WOULD CARRY STORY WORDED AS IT WAS WITHOUT CHECKING WITH COUNTRY CONCERNED OR THIS EMBASSY. STEVENSON

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